taken on both sides, the Captain of the town for them, Captain Caulfield for ours , so that whatsoever our men wanted which the place would supply eithei in fresh water, victuals or the like, was very willingly granted *by* the inhabitants , and good leave given to refresh themselves on shore as much and as oft as they would without restraint

At this Santa Cruz Sir John was informed that there was indeed no expectation of any fleet to come from the west but from the east, three days before his arrival a carrack had passed by for Lisbon, and that there were four carracks behind of one consort Sir John being very glad of this news, stayed no longer on shore but at once embarked himself and quickly dis-covered one of the carracks Meanwhile, part of the rest of the English fleet drew also towards the Azores, so that the same evening Sir John descried two or three of the Earl of Cumber-land's ships (whereof one Mr Norton was captain), which having in like sort perceived the carrack pursued her by that course which they saw her run towards the Islands But on no side was there any way made by reason of a great calm, so that to discover what she was Sir John took his boat and rowed the space of three miles to make her out more exactly and being returned he consulted with the better sort of the company upon boarding her in the morning

But a very mighty storm arose in the night, the extremity whereof forced them all to weigh anchors, yet their care not to lose the carrack in wrestling with the weather was such that in the morning the tempest being now qualified, and our men bearing in again with the shore, they perceived the carrack very near the land and the Portugals confusedly

carrying on shore
such things as they could in any manner convey out of her
Seeing the haste our men made to come upon them, they fdrsook
her, but first set fire to that which they could not carry away,
intending wholly to consume her that neither glory of victory
nor benefit of ship might remain to our men, and, lest the English
should extinguish the flames, they entrenched themselves on the
land, being four hundred men, to protect the carrack and keep
our men aloof so that the carrack might be utterly destroyed
When Sir John Burgh noted this, he landed one hundred of his
men, whereof many did swim and wade more than breast high